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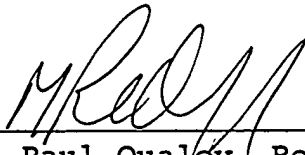
For: Storage Vessels and Related Closure Methods

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Attached please find the formal drawings for this application ( 4 Pages)

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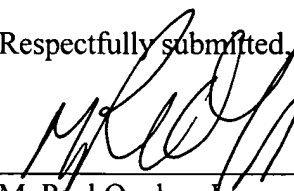
Sir:

Please be advised that Formal Drawings were mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office February 12, 2001. Enclosed herewith are copies of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and the Formal Drawings Transmittal filed in the above-identified invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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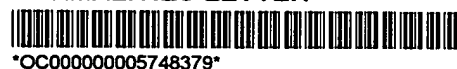
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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